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Derivatives

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AMENDMENT "A"

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2002 (Paper No. 11), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendment and remarks set forth below. A Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Appendix A, Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and an authorization pay the \$180.00 37 C.F.R. Sec. 1.17(p) fee and the \$110.00 37 C.F.R. Sec. 1.17(a)(1) fee accompany this amendment.

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In the Specification

Please substitute the following paragraph for the fourth paragraph on page 25 of the specification.

Page 25, fourth paragraph (AMENDED)

The compound (V) has a superior effect as a pharmaceutical and shows a superior inhibitory activity particularly against steroid C_{17,20} lyase. The compound (V) shows low